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1-9-03**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION
ART UNIT 1714****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Simon F. Williams and David P. Martin

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Examiner: Carlos Azpuru

For: *POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE COMPOSITIONS FOR SOFT TISSUE
REPAIR, AUGMENTATION AND VISCOSUPPLEMENTATION*

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002, please consider the following remarks. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission, however, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

Remarks

Claims 1-17 and 29-32 were rejected as anticipated under 102(e) by U.S. Patent No. 6,277,413 to Sankaram ("Sankaram"). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.